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WHEREAS, Chippewa County is committed to supporting programs that provide access to appropriate health care services for low-income residents of all fifteen (15) Upper Peninsula Counties;

WHEREAS, the Federal government has approved Michigan's Medicaid State Plan Amendment TN No. 05-13, effective June 1, 2006, which creates an "Indigent Care Agreements Pool" for hospitals qualifying for Medicaid Disproportionate Share ("DSH") payments to receive DSH payments under the Indigent Care Agreements Pool so long as: (a) the hospital has an Indigent Care Agreement with a local health care entity, such as Medical Care Access Coalition; and (b) the Indigent Care Agreement stipulates that direct or indirect health care services be provided to low-income patients with special needs who are not covered under other public or private health care programs;

WHEREAS, Medical Care Access Coalition purposes include promoting, organizing, managing and administering programs to create a system for providing or arranging and paying for health care services in a cost effective manner for persons unable to pay for such health care services;

WHEREAS, Medical Care Access Coalition has entered into an Indigent Care Agreement with Portage Health, Grandview Hospital, Bell Hospital, Marquette General Health System, and Chippewa War Memorial Hospital, requiring Medical Care Access Coalition to directly or indirectly operate a program of arranging and paying for health care to low-income individuals with special needs who are not covered under other public or private health care programs and who are unable to pay for such services;

WHEREAS, both the Federal government and the State of Michigan participate in the financing of the Indigent Care Agreements Pool, with the Federal government matching the State's portion pursuant to the Federal medical assistance percentage formula;

WHEREAS, certain intergovernmental transfers of public funds from Chippewa County may be made to the State of Michigan to be used as the State's share in claiming the Federal match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes intergovernmental transfers in an amount of \$105,613.83 annually, to the State of Michigan for the purpose of participating in the financing of the non-federal share of DSH payments made under the Indigent Care Agreements Pool to Portage Health, Grandview Hospital, Bell Hospital, Marquette General Health System, and Chippewa War Memorial Hospital, so long as Medical Care Access Coalition maintains a current Indigent Care Agreement with Portage Health, Grandview Hospital, Bell Hospital, Marquette General Health System, and Chippewa War Memorial Hospital.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective commencing on October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2010.

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